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IMAGERY INFORMATION REPORT

NEW ACTIVE MOTORIZED RIFLE DIVISION CONFIRMED AT ZAVITINSK
MILITARY BARRACKS AL-1, USSR (TSR)

(TSR) A new combat division observed forming at Zavitinsk Military Barracks AL-1, USSR, can now be identified as an active motorized rifle division (MRD). New equipment was first observed deployed at this installation in February 1978, and incremental deployment of equipment has continued through September. By May, elements of a combat division could be identified; however, the equipment deployed and the parking patterns of the various units observed through early June indicated that these divisional elements were an inactive second-generation (mobilization) division in storage. The type of division (motorized rifle or tank) could not be determined at that time.

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(TSR) On imagery of [REDACTED] the construction of new vehicle parks, the repositioning of the previously identified units into the new vehicle parks, the identification of new divisional elements, and the overall parking patterns indicated the presence of a nearly complete but understrength active motorized rifle division. Cadre divisional units identified include three motorized rifle regiments (MRR), a tank regiment, an artillery battalion, a rocket launcher (RL) battalion, an antiaircraft artillery (AAA) regiment, an engineer battalion, a reconnaissance battalion, a signal battalion, and elements of a chemical defense battalion.

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(TSR) The addition of this division makes a total of five divisions of the 35th Army in the Zavitinsk-Belogorsk area of the Far East Military District.

(TSR) Zavitinsk is 45 nautical miles north of the Sino-Soviet border.

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